

**PARISH OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI** Baddesley Clinton.

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**Deanery website:** <https://warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>

**Confession: 5.15-5.45pm Saturday at St Francis church or by arrangement**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*The journey to the God of life is not an easy task. We tend to get lost along the way and we are discouraged by the efforts we have to make. On their way to the promised land, the Jewish people turned against Moses - their difficulties made them yearn for a mediocre but familiar existence. Freedom frightened them, slavery being more familiar seemed more secure. This is the temptation of every believer and this is why Jesus says to his disciples: "Do not be afraid."*

**No weekday Masses this week** Weekend Masses as usual. Please be aware that Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August, The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Holyday of Obligation.

**New Parish Clusters** It is suggested that the deanery form four clusters, ours being the parishes of Lillington, Leamington, Warwick, Hampton-on-the-Hill and Kenilworth. The new Parish Council will meet to discuss this at 7pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**Parking** Please remember to park safely and with consideration for our local residents. This would be greatly appreciated.

**Parish Office** Please be aware that Sara's hours will reduce and vary over the school summer holidays.

**Martyrs' Walk** There will be a walk in commemoration of the Warwick Martyrs: Blessed John Sugar, Blessed Robert Grissold and Blessed William Freeman leaving from St Mary Immaculate Catholic church, West Street, Warwick at 3.00pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

**March for Life 2024** Come and join the thousands walking in the annual UK March for Life in central London on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Day-return coach trip, leaving St Dunstan's, Kings Heath (pick-up Institute Road) at 7.40am, and St Augustine's, Solihull (pick-up Herbert Road) at 8.00am returning for 7.30/45pm. Adults £25, Youngsters under 16 £12.50. Seats reserved on payment. Contact Brian Healy on mob: 07726311261

**The annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall**, Shrine of the English Martyrs, will take place on Sun 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024. This year the principal celebrant will be The Right Reverend Paul Gunter OSB, Abbot of Douai Abbey. Mass: 3.00pm. Confessions: 1.45pm – 2.30pm. It is essential that you bring your own chairs and packed lunch.

**Scam Alert** We believe that parishioners who have travelled with an independent travel company, on tours to religious sites are being targeted. Fraudsters pretending to be from the travel company are writing to parishioners who have travelled on a religious tour asking for donations. They are saying they have fallen on hard times and provide their bank account details so people can make a donation. **Please do not make a donation – this is a scam.** If you have made a donation, please report it to the police at Action Fraud on telephone number 0300 123 2040 or online at [actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk) and report it to your bank. (Dial 159 to be automatically connected to your bank's fraud prevention service).

**New Lectionaries** We are required to purchase new Lectionaries in time for Autumn this year. The new Lectionaries come as a four-volume set and cost £695. Donations towards the cost or the purchase of a volume for dedication to a loved one would be very welcome. Please see Fr Frank if you are interested in contributing to the cost in either of these ways. Thank you.

**Masses at St Francis this week**

Sat 3 Aug	6.00pm Mass – <b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Sun 4	11.00am Mass – <b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Catherine & William Farrell (RIP)
Sat 10	6.00pm Mass – <b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Sun 11	11.00am Mass – <b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>